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In New York, prices were lower on all sizes. Prices in most other locations ranged unchanged to lower on all weights. The market tone was weak. Demand was light to moderate, slightly better where scattered features and winter weather stimulated additional interest. Supplies were in a full range of adequate to ample. Breaking stock offerings were short to sufficient for the quiet to moderate demand. Light type hens were about adequate for normal to less than normal processing schedules.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL All reported prices were slightly lower. Trade sentiment was weak. Cartoned egg sales were reported as light to moderate with winter storms throughout the area causing some extra consumer interest. Institutional sales were light. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was quiet with offerings adequate. Potential buyer of breaking stock were taking a wait and see approach to the market. Schedules full-time to part-time. Floor stocks in close balance. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	112-121	116-118	LARGE	92-99	94
LARGE	112-120	114-117	MEDIUM	79-83	81
MEDIUM	99-105	102-104	SMALL	44-46	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices ranged unchanged when compared previous week's prices. The market tone was weak. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for present needs. Breaking stock offerings were short to adequate for reduced to normal breaking schedules. Light type hens were about sufficient for the at least moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	116-129	119-122
LARGE	111-126	116-120
MEDIUM	99-114	104-106

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged for all sizes. The trade sentiment was weak. Retail demand was light to moderate. Distributive movement was generally moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was quiet with offerings adequate. Potential buyers of breaking stock were taking a wait and see approach to the market. Schedules full-time to part-time. Floor stocks in close balance. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	119.5-128	121-124
LARGE	117.5-126	119-122
MEDIUM	102.5-111	104-107

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged to higher on all sizes when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment was weak. Demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were short to sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were about sufficient for normal to reduced processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	115.25-126	120-123
LARGE	113.25-124	118-121
MEDIUM	96.25-109	102-106

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices decreased 3 cents on medium and 2 cents on larger sizes. Trade sentiment was weak. Demand was reported as mostly light to moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	121-125
LARGE	119-123
MEDIUM	105-109

CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS Prices were slightly lower. The market tone was weak. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate at best with winter storms causing some extra interest. Supplies were fully adequate to ample.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	118-126	120-122
LARGE	117-126	118-121
MEDIUM	104-113	107-109

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	210 - 250	212 - 240
1/2 doz.	123 - 141	125 - 134
Large doz.	170- 260	215 - 225
1/2 doz.	120 - 132	128 -132

WESTERN Prices unchanged to 1 cent lower on jumbo, 1-2 cents lower on extra large, 2-3 cents lower on large, and 1 cent lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 46% higher than last Monday with California up 43% and Oregon-Washington- Utah up 51%. Retailer demand light. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA

Prices 1 cent lower on jumbo, 2 cents lower on extra large and large, and 1 cent lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 43% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand light. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 121. Ads in Northern California: major- large 18 pack 249, 2 for \$5, buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- large dozen 139, medium 118.

	RANGE
JUMBO	168
EXTRA LARGE	164
LARGE	154
MEDIUM	141

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

	RANGE
JUMBO	299-379
EXTRA LARGE	289-349
LARGE	239-349
MEDIUM	199-299

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

	RANGE
JUMBO	309-399
EXTRA LARGE	319-389
LARGE	249-359
MEDIUM	229-319

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending February 06, 2004 will decrease by 8 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 30, 2004 were 207,051 cases which was 13 percent below the prior week and 2 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	173,285	33,766	207,051

% change from the prior week.....	-14	-8	-13

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK All prices were unchanged. Demand was quiet with offerings adequate. Potential buyers of breaking stock were taking a wait and see approach to the market. Schedules full-time to part-time. Floor stocks in close balance. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	79-81	81
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	66-72	66-68

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for offerings that were mostly adequate to about adequate. Processing schedules were less than normal to normal. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 02-FEB-04.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	6.5-9.5	8.5-9	8.65
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
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*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Demand for spent hens was moderate. Offerings were reduced in some areas, however overall were at least adequate for needs. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-FEB-04

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-11.75	8.5-9.25	8.98

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM FEB 02, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.6	16.0	6.5	15.5	11.5	58.1
	Change	1.4	1.2	0.0	0.1	2.8	10%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	19.4	46.4	8.2	26.9	42.8	143.7
	Change	-0.9	7.9	-3.2	-0.5	12.5	13%
Large	Curr Wk	37.2	110.1	53.2	114.4	128.2	443.1
	Change	-1.3	8.5	-6.0	30.0	49.0	22%
Medium	Curr Wk	15.1	34.3	10.9	23.3	34.9	118.5
	Change	1.0	2.1	-4.8	4.9	8.6	11%
Small	Curr Wk	3.1	5.6	5.1	4.4	5.3	23.5
	Change	-1.3	-1.2	2.4	-0.1	1.1	4%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.8	16.8	8.8	11.1	5.9	47.4
	Change	-0.4	-6.7	-1.3	-2.9	0.3	-19%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	15.4	40.0	24.7	28.9	38.8	147.8
	Change	-2.3	1.4	12.6	-4.9	9.4	12%
Total	Curr Wk	103.6	269.2	117.4	224.5	267.4	982.1
Percent	Change	-3%	5%	0%	13%	46%	14%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators	

Shell Egg	982.1	14%	169
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	212.4	-4%	35

Total Shell Egg	1,194.5	10%	204
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 169 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

Due to a change in the breaking stock cooperator base last week was revised to 220.4.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 19, 2004

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	193	190	181	116.2

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JANUARY 19, 2004 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	149	149	139	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JANUARY 30, 2004

CURRENT LOADS								11.50	FUTURE LOADS								7.00	TOTAL LOADS								18.50
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST											
GNR W 1	—	81.00	77.00	—	—	—	1.00		GL W XL	—	94.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00									
GNR W 4	—	—	47.00	48.00	—	—	1.00		GL W LG	91.00	—	—	—	—	96.00	.75										
GL W XL	—	—	106.00	108.00	85.00	—	7.00		GL W MD	78.43	—	—	—	—	82.86	1.75										
GL W MD	—	—	81.75	80.67	71.00	—	4.00																			
GL W SM	—	—	50.00	51.50	—	—	2.00																			
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00																			

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 01/26/04-01/30/04

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
54.00								28.50								82.50							
		SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	96.67	100.90	77.00	100.25	—	—	23.00	GNR W 1	—	105.14	—	—	—	115.50	12.00	GNR W 1	—	105.14	—	—	—	115.50	12.00
GNR W 3	—	89.00	84.00	90.00	—	—	3.00	GNR BR 1	—	115.29	—	—	—	—	1.75	GNR BR 1	—	115.29	—	—	—	—	1.75
GNR W 4	—	—	47.00	67.50	—	—	4.00	GL W J	112.00	—	—	123.50	—	2.00	GL W J	112.00	—	—	—	123.50	—	—	2.00
GNR BR 1	113.00	—	—	—	—	—	3.00	GL W XL	106.00	101.91	—	—	—	109.08	10.50	GL W XL	106.00	101.91	—	—	—	109.08	10.50
GL W J	—	—	112.00	113.00	—	—	2.00	GL W LG	99.00	—	—	—	—	106.51	6.25	GL W LG	99.00	—	—	—	—	106.51	6.25
GL W XL	—	115.56	107.50	109.68	92.72	114.00	35.50	GL W MD	81.55	—	—	—	—	97.28	7.25	GL W MD	81.55	—	—	—	—	97.28	7.25
GL W LG	—	116.78	104.67	107.43	105.00	117.00	17.00	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	131.50	.50	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	131.50	.50
GL W MD	98.00	—	89.16	87.58	84.79	96.50	21.50	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	131.50	.50	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	131.50	.50
GL W SM	—	—	50.67	52.11	55.25	57.00	4.25	NRBS - 42	—	64.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 42	—	64.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50																
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	129.20	1.75																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	80.00	4.00																
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	78.00	2.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	01/26/04	01/19/04	01/27/03
PACIFIC COAST	119	123	315
LOS ANGELES	39	39	254

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

UNAVAILABLE

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market lower on all sizes. The supply is adequate. Retail demand is moderate.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	134.29
LARGE	132.29
MEDIUM	116.97
SMALL	80.29

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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 01/30/2004

Report Period: 01/18/2004 - 01/24/2004

State	Number Cases Shipped to Northern California	Number Cases Shipped to Central California	Number Cases shipped to Southern California	Total State
Arizona	0	0	2,326	2,326
Arkansas	0	0	854	854
Colorado	0	3,240	7,930	11,170
Illinois	0	0	780	780
Indiana	0	810	0	810
Iowa	9,960	6,270	62,802	79,032
Maine	0	0	2,370	2,370
Michigan	0	0	3,954	3,954
Minnesota	2,858	0	7,160	10,018
Missouri	780	1,650	2,240	4,670
Nevada	0	0	810	810
New Hampshire	0	0	1,740	1,740
North Carolina	0	0	4,234	4,234
Ohio	780	0	942	1,722
Oregon	3,673	5	0	3,678
South Dakota	800	0	0	800
Texas	0	0	2,480	2,480
Utah	720	0	9,780	10,500
Washington	0	738	975	1,713
Wisconsin	780	776	740	2,296
TOTAL	20,351	13,489	112,117	145,957
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	20,351	13,489	112,117	145,957